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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

Public Health Office,

214, High Street,

Tonbridge.

22nd June, 1956.

**To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge
Joint Health Committee.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1955.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES of the District, HOUSING and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate reports by the Sanitary Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

The population as estimated by the Registrar-General for the Joint Health Area for mid-1955 is 102,560, which is an increase of 930 from mid-1954. The figures shown take account of the small boundary revision in Braeside Avenue in the Sevenoaks Districts which occurred during the year. [The County of Kent (Sevenoaks Urban District) Confirmation Order, 1955.] The figures for each District are given on page 10, together with the estimated population for the previous year; it will be noted that the population in each District has increased.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE (i.e. number of live births per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 13.4, compared with 14.2 for the Area in 1954. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1955 was 15.0.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE (i.e. number of deaths per 1,000 population) for the Joint Health Area was 11.4, whereas that for England and Wales was 11.7; in 1954 the Death Rate in the Joint Health Area was 11.8.

In the table of Statistics on page 11, in addition to the Crude Birth and Death Rates for the individual Districts, the Adjusted Birth and Death Rates are also shown. These Adjusted Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the Comparability Factors for the individual Districts supplied by the Registrar-General; the Factor makes allowances for the different sex and age distribution of the population in a particular District, and so allows the Rates better to be compared with one another.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE (i.e. number of deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 live births) for the Joint Health Area was 22.5, compared with 24.9 for England and Wales.

Two MATERNAL DEATHS occurred in the Joint Area during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease are shown for each District on pages 15 to 17. No cases of Diphtheria were notified. No deaths occurred from Measles, Whooping Cough or Scarlet Fever.

The incidence of Measles was high during the year but there was less Whooping Cough than in the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis.

During the year 12 cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred, with two deaths. The fatal cases were both men, one aged 28 years and the other aged 36 years.

The number of cases notified and deaths from acute poliomyelitis in the Area, from 1947, when the disease first became prevalent, is as follows:—

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Total cases	36	13	35	21	15	11	7	2	12
Total deaths	2	1	3	1	1	1	—	—	2

Tuberculosis.

In 1955, 46 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 7 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, compared with 54 pulmonary and 14 non-pulmonary in 1954. During the year there were 7 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and none from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, compared with 10 deaths from pulmonary and none from non-pulmonary in 1954. The figures for individual Districts are given on page 18.

Food Poisoning.

Twenty-one cases of food poisoning were notified in the Joint Area during the year. Particulars are given for each District as shown in the Index.

Food Hygiene.

The Sanitary Inspectors continued their educational work during visits to food premises.

Slaughterhouses.

Details of the number of slaughterhouses licensed and the Carcasses inspected are given in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of each District. The large number of inspections undertaken in the four Districts in which Slaughterhouses are operating should be noted as this involves much work for the Sanitary Inspectors.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20. (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948: Section 47. (Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.)

Although, as in previous years, consideration had to be given to the advisability of using this Section in certain cases, usually of old people living alone, I am glad to report that it was not found necessary to apply for any Removal Orders.

The provision of suitable housing accommodation for old people by the District Councils, the excellent services provided by the County Council, and the devoted labours of voluntary workers have all contributed to this happy result.

Legislation.

A list of new Acts and Regulations affecting the Public Health Department which came into operation during the year are given on page 14.

I take this opportunity of recording my thanks to the Members and Officials of the District Councils, the Medical Practitioners of the Area, the staff of the County Health Department and my own staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,
Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1955-56

Chairman:

Mrs. E. S. Viner, J.P., Sevenoaks U.D. Council.

Members:

Miss A. J. CURRIE, C.B.E.	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL, J.P.	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. A. WATERS	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. V. GILBERT-JOHNS	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. F. A. STRANGE, M.C.	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. C. E. CLARKE	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P.	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. M. MORLAND, J.P.	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. V. HEDLEY JONES, M.A., J.P. ...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Dr. C. D. HOPKINS	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mrs. N. SALMON, J.P.	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. R. J. KEW	Southborough U.D. Council
Mrs. M. E. MIDDLETON	Southborough U.D. Council
Lt.-Col. H. R. H. ROUQUETTE	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS, 1955-56

Mr. W. J. SMALL, J.P., Chairman ...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
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Mr. S. J. THORNE, Clerk	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. B. BISHOP, Engineer and Surveyor	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. EBENEZER BRIDGELAND, J.P., Chairman	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. R. NICHOLSON, Clerk	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. SCOTT, Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector	Southborough U.D. Council

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

A. CAMERON, M.D., Ch.B.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs.

Shorthand-Typist: Miss C. J. Hibbert.

SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector (also Cleansing Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

R. H. Terry, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

C. T. S. Young, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

F. P. C. Cage, Temporary General Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

A. E. Williams, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Additional Sanitary Inspector. [Foods.

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Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Additional Sanitary Inspector. [Foods.

Tonbridge Urban District.

J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

F. H. Piggott, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat & Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres) . . .	62,951	3,728	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Home Population (R.G's estimate mid-1955) . . .	34,490	16,290	22,930	19,990	8,860	102,560
Estimated Home population, mid-1954 . . .	34,110	16,070	22,750	19,930	8,770	101,630
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1955) according to Rate Book .	10,338	4,966	7,200	6,310	3,069	31,883
Rateable Value . . .	£251,676	£203,330	£174,861	£181,875	£74,757	£886,499
Sum represented by a penny rate . . .	£1,000	£773	£680	£695	£302	—

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1955.

		Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	233	95	125	152	46	651
	Female .	226	108	154	131	48	667
	Total .	459	203	279	283	94	1,318
	Illegitimate: Male .	8	4	14	8	2	36
	Female .	3	2	9	7	1	22
	Total .	11	6	23	15	3	58
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS		470	209	302	298	97	1,376
CRUDE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1955		13.63	12.83	13.17	14.91	10.94	13.42
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General . . .		1.08	1.06	0.99	1.04	1.15	—
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE . . .		14.72	13.59	13.03	15.50	12.58	—
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	5	1	1	8	3	18
	Female .	6	1	1	4	—	12
	Total .	11	2	2	12	3	30
	Illegitimate: Male .	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Female .	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total .	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS		11	2	2	12	3	30
STILL-BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births . . .		22.87	9.48	6.58	38.71	30.00	21.34
DEATHS	Male	198	93	135	101	54	581
	Female	183	118	114	115	54	584
	Total	381	211	249	216	108	1,165
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1955		11.05	12.95	10.86	10.81	12.19	11.36
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General . . .		0.87	0.79	0.87	0.84	0.74	—
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE . . .		9.61	10.23	9.44	9.08	9.02	—
MATERNAL MORTALITY . . .		—	—	—	2	—	2
RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	6.45	0.0	1.43
INFANTILE MORTALITY	Male	8	3	3	7	2	23
	Female	2	—	3	3	—	8
	Total	10	3	6	10	2	31
DEATH RATE under one year of age :							
All infants per 1,000 live births		21.28	14.36	19.87	33.56	20.62	22.53
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		15.25	14.78	21.51	35.34	21.28	22.00
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		181.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.50
Death Rate for Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages).
(Supplied by the Registrar-General)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	5	5
Tuberculosis, other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilitic Disease ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	5	9	2	1	2	5	3	1	...	1	12	11
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	14	1	6	...	12	1	6	2	3	...	41	41
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	6	...	6	...	4	...	5	...	3	...	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	18	20	11	11	14	16	15	7	7	4	65	55
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	3
Diabetes ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vascular lesions of nervous system	22	40	11	29	16	23	14	22	4	7	67	12
Coronary disease, angina ...	31	17	13	15	31	12	15	9	11	5	101	55
Hypertension with heart disease ...	6	5	2	3	4	1	5	8	...	2	17	11
Other heart diseases ...	19	21	9	15	12	15	8	14	5	14	53	7
Other circulatory diseases ...	11	11	3	12	6	7	3	6	3	1	26	3
Influenza ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	4	4
Pneumonia ...	4	9	4	4	8	8	6	12	2	2	24	3
Bronchitis ...	14	2	10	3	7	4	4	3	3	4	38	1
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	4	...	1	2	...	1	...	2	...	...	5	5
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	4	1	...	1	2	...	4	1	1	...	11	3
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ...	2	1	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	6	6
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	2	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	11
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	6	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	11	11
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations ...	4	2	...	1	...	1	...	2	3	...	7	7
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	21	28	11	9	7	10	8	10	8	4	57	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	8	8
All Other Accidents ...	3	3	1	2	2	2	4	1	...	2	10	1
Suicide ...	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	5	5
Homicide and Operations of War ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	198	183	93	118	135	114	101	115	54	54	583	58

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The laboratory services in the Area have been re-organised. The Public Health work is still being carried on at the County Hall, but the laboratory is now run by the Public Health Laboratory Services under the directorship of Dr. J. H. C. Walker.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Conditions.

No cases of the above were treated at the Cleansing Centre, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, during the year 1955.

Hospitals.

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the Hospitals in my Area are given below:—

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.,

Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Tel. Tunbridge Wells 3444.

Pembury Hospital.

Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, Tonbridge.

Capel Hospital, Nr. Tonbridge.

Northfield Maternity Home, Langton.

David Salomon's Home, Southborough.

Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary—L. G. Bain, F.C.I.S., A.H.A.,

Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent.

Tel. Orpington 27050.

Sevenoaks Hospital.

Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks.

Cheyne and Hip Hospital for Children, Sevenoaks.

Sundridge Hospital.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)

DISTRICT	Homes first registered during year 1955	Homes on Register at end of 1955	Number of beds provided:		
			Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	—	1	—	36	36
Sevenoaks U.D. .	—	2	7	17	24
Tonbridge R.D. .	—	2	—	19	19
Tonbridge U.D. .	—	1	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	—	2	8	10	18
TOTAL .	—	8	24	85	109

LEGISLATION.

Acts, Orders and Regulations affecting the Department made during the year included:—

Act, Order or Regulation.	Date operative from
Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955	1/7/55
Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1955	6/7/55
Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954 (Appointed Day) Order, 1955	1/1/56
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	1/1/56
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955	1/1/56
Kent Water Act, 1955	1/4/56

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of notifiable Infectious Disease occurring in the respective Districts of the Area are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS						Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths			
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	6	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	2	10	18	17	23	127	1	1
Whooping Cough	—	2	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1955 in the respective Districts:—

AGE-PERIODS	NEW CASES						DEATHS														
	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY											
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	U.D.
0-1
1	.	.	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
5	.	.	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
15	.	.	-1	-1	-4	-1	-1	-1	-5	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
25	.	.	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
35	.	.	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
45	.	.	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
55	.	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
65 and up	.	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	4	7	2	4	10	4	6	5	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	11	6	6	14	11	11	4	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3	-	-

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, show the number of children immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1955:—

District	Year of Birth	1955 1954 1953 1952 1951 1950 1949 1948 1947 1946 1945 1944 1943 1942 1941											Total	
		Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	Primary inoculations	Reinforcing inoculations	
Sevenoaks		37	292	53	19	10	14	19	5	4	8	6	3	461
Rural		—	—	—	1	19	160	63	36	42	134	48	76	587
Sevenoaks		13	119	21	6	3	2	9	2	4	3	—	3	185
Urban		—	—	—	—	—	70	21	17	10	25	5	27	179
Tonbridge		16	188	21	3	7	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	248
Rural		—	—	—	—	1	2	90	37	14	25	40	14	249
Tonbridge		3	141	15	6	—	8	6	—	—	13	—	—	193
Urban		—	—	—	—	—	5	90	32	9	1	104	17	32
Southborough		4	56	5	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	70
Urban		—	—	—	—	—	5	28	4	4	1	2	1	46

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, show the number of children vaccinated against smallpox during the year ended 31st December, 1955:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Five water undertakings supply the Sevenoaks Rural District with mains water.

Supplies during the year were sufficient and satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

			Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	110	2
	Chemical	...	1	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	7	19
	Chemical	...	6	8

Approximately 95% of dwellinghouses in Sevenoaks Rural District are supplied by public mains, and are shown under the various parishes:—

Name of Parish.	Estimated proportion direct to houses.	Estimated proportion by means of standpipes.
Brasted	95.05 %	0.23 %
Chevening	86.96 %	1.11 %
Chiddingstone	86.13 %	0.66 %
Cowden	91.52 %	0.42 %
Dunton Green	99.21 %	0.23 %
Edenbridge	97.69 %	1.15 %
Halstead	96.41 %	1.49 %
Hever	88.21 %	1.01 %
Kemsing	98.13 %	0.71 %
Leigh	97.92 %	—
Otford	98.79 %	0.76 %
Penshurst	88.87 %	0.61 %
Riverhead	98.48 %	—
Seal	96.44 %	0.32 %
Sevenoaks Weald	95.34 %	2.99 %
Shoreham	85.31 %	7.14 %
Sundridge	87.48 %	7.56 %
Westerham	91.83 %	1.63 %

Thirty-two premises have been connected to the main supply. In each instance the water has been piped into the house. The premises concerned had previously been dependent upon wells, springs, and external standpipes.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company
(within Company's Statutory Area)

191 yards of 6" main	...	Marlborough Crescent, Riverhead.
14 yards of 3" main	...	Marlborough Crescent, Riverhead.
576 yards of 6" main	...	Childsbridge Lane, Seal.
1,302 yards of 4" main	...	Blackhoath to Charcott, Chiddingstone Causeway.
86 yards of 3" main	...	Blackhoath to Charcott, Chiddingstone Causeway.
218 yards of 3" main	...	Scabharbour Road, The Weald (Napiers Estate).
217 yards of 3" main	...	Bitchett Wood Estate, Bitchett. (Private)
92 yards of 3" main	...	Green Lane, Leigh.

(Council's Area)

109 yards of 4" main ... Evelyn Road, Otford.

111 yards of 3" main ... Fordcombe Lane Housing Estate, Fordcombe.

(Undertaken by Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company on behalf of Council)

Mid-Kent Water Company

127 yards of 3" main ... Kemsing.

300 yards of 6" main ... Kemsing.

The following new work was completed during the year:—

A 6" main brought into service 1st July, from Whitehall, Wrotham, to St. Clare at Kemsing.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No new sewage disposal works or additions to existing works were constructed during the year.

Various improvements have been carried out to drainage systems. Twenty-two connections were made to the sewer and the disused cesspools cleansed and filled in. Nine cesspools and ten septic tanks were constructed, and there were 46 conversions from earth closets to water-borne systems.

The following sewers were laid for the development of Council Estates:—

Fordcombe: Fordcombe Lane	190 lin. yards of 6" dia.
	25 lin. yards of 4" dia.
Cowden: North Street	17 lin. yards of 9" dia.
	102 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Seal: Bentley's Meadow	143 lin. yards of 6" dia.
	318 lin. yards of 4" dia.
Westerham: London Road Site	460 lin. yards of 6" dia.
	153 lin. yards of 4" dia.

Sewers laid by the Council for the drainage of existing properties:—

Shoreham: Badgers Road	161 lin. yards of 9" dia.
	109 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Halstead: Church Road	498 lin. yards of 9" dia.
	211 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Oxford Lane	258 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Station Road	93 lin. yards of 6" dia.

Sewers laid by private developers:—

Riverhead: Marlborough Crescent ...	331 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Leigh: Green Lane	57 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Edenbridge: Lingfield Road ...	19 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Kemsing: rear of Dynes Road ...	63 lin. yards of 6" dia.
Sundridge: Greystones Park ...	37 lin. yards of 6" dia.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

One additional 10 cubic yard collection vehicle was put into commission during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	589
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	8,780
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	254
Complied with	...	...	300
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	7
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	5
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	1,908
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	553
Swimming Pools	...	...	19
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	112
Knackers' Yards	...	...	8
Offensive Trades	...	...	—
Factory Acts	...	...	282
Shop Acts	...	...	386
Petroleum Act	...	...	245
Dairies	...	...	67
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	191
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	848
Bakehouses	...	...	66
Food Shops	...	...	388
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	42
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	245
Food Factories	...	...	4
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	39
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	215
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	44
Miscellaneous	...	...	3,118

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	155
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	505
Number of new huts erected during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	112

The conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory. The camps in use have been well maintained. The tendency for the employment of "home pickers" continues. At one farm a mechanical picker has been put into operation with the consequent reduction in the number of pickers employed. As a result a number of huts have been closed.

6. Disinfestation.

Infestations were dealt with as follows:—

Flies 13, Crickets 4, Beetles 7, Fleas 8, Ants 5, Woodworm 1,
Cockroaches 4, Wasps 4, Mosquitoes 1.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	277
Number of visits by Rodent Operator	...	...	...	...	...	1,983
Infestations found and treated: Rats—Major	193					
	Minor	109				
	Mice	...	...	105		

Sewer treatment was carried out in April and September/October.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	31	37	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	146	245	8	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	177	282	10	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	5	12	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	2	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	3	—	—
Total	10	15	3	5	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	6	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	18	—	—	—	—	—
Total	24	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.**Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Return under Section I).**

Total number of permanent houses in area.	Estimated number of unfit houses.	Action in first 5 years.			Number of houses to be retained for temporary accommodation.	
		Number of houses to be demolished.				
		Individual houses.	Houses in clearance areas.	Total number of houses to be demolished.		
11,360	174	125	49	174	—	

Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses.**Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1955.**

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1936) Nil

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS

	Number of	
	Houses	Persons displaced
(1) Housing Act, 1936.		
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11	8	26
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force	2	3
(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...	—	—
(2) Housing Act, 1949.		
(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)	—	—
(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)	—	—
(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.		
Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1) ...	2	—

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.	Number of houses.
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health Acts	88
Action under Statutory Powers.	
Public Health Acts.	
Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners	5
(b) By local authority in default of owners ...	—
Housing Act, 1936.	
Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11, and 16)	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By local authority in default of owners ...	—

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	71
Total approved costs	£39,373
Total approved Grants	£18,215

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1955.)

	Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	1,011	31
Temporary	127	—
Housing Association	9	3
Private—Permanent	660	172

CAMPS. (Temporary Housing)

The number of huts occupied in hatted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1955, was as follows:—

Polhill, Halstead	1
Foxbury, Stone Street	4
Other huts	2

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	Nil
Number of site licences already granted	22
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	149
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	43
Number of licences granted	43

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of licences granted:							
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

Milk Sampling.

		No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“Tuberculin tested”	...	13	2
“Pasteurised”	...	14	Nil
Sterilised	...	1	Nil

Seven samples were taken for biological investigation: none showed evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	3
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	114
Results of samples taken: Grade I	...	...	...	...	84
Grade II	...	...	...	...	5
Grade III	...	...	...	...	1
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	Nil

Very little change has taken place since the previous report, and a very high proportion of sales in the District is of proprietary brands. Only one manufacturer continues to produce ice-cream using the “complete cold mix.” Sampling has shown that a high standard has been maintained.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 9

100% inspection of animals slaughtered in the District was again carried out.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	408	85	180	1411	2237	...
Number inspected	408	85	180	1411	2237	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcases condemned	1	1	2	2	4	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	119	21	...	70	109	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	29.41	25.88	1.11	5.10	5.05	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	1	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	17	15	...	...	18	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	4.41	17.64	...	...	.80	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of defects and faults found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens, including public-houses	155	245	26	28
Bakehouses	13	66	4	5
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	39	168	3	4
Food Stalls and Vehicles	11	42	...	...
Food Factories	2	4	1	...
Other Food Shops	188	388	11	18

No major improvements have been carried out at cafés, restaurants and canteens, but various minor defects have been dealt with. The trade continues to be very co-operative and a good standard has been maintained.

The number of bakehouse premises has again decreased and it would appear that this is associated with an increase in the sale of proprietary makes of bread from factory bakehouses situated outside the area.

Of the 39 premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act), 32 are for the manufacture of sausages, 5 for the cooking of hams, 1 for preserves and jams, and 1 for brawn. Routine inspections of these and other Food Stores were carried out to ensure compliance with the various Acts and Clean Food Byelaws.

Trade carried on from vehicles includes the sale of grocery, green-grocery and fish. Catering is carried on from one vehicle operating from this area. Regular visits have been carried out and a good standard is maintained.

A factory for the manufacture of confectionery was opened during the year.

General education to the trade in food handling continued.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	3	—	1	—	12
Other food (including tinned food)	—	5	2	18	9
	3	5	3	19	5

All condemned meat is sprayed with naphthalene green dye and is collected for treatment for animal food or conversion to fertilisers etc.

6. Food Poisoning.

Six cases of food poisoning were notified during the year; they were due to *Salmonella* organisms, four of the cases occurred in one household.

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The water supplied to the District during the year was satisfactory and results of samples taken by the Sanitary Inspector are given hereunder:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	8	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

All the houses in the District are supplied by public mains, except one supplied by a standpipe.

The following new mains were laid during the year:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.
(Within Company's Statutory Area)

466 yards of 8" main ... South Park to High Street, Sevenoaks.
 354 yards of 6" main ... Brattle Wood, White Hart Estate.
 14 yards of 4" main ... South Park, Sevenoaks.
 272 yards of 3" main ... Yeomans Meadow, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks.
 152 yards of 3" main ... Knole Road, Sevenoaks.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No major drainage and sewerage works were constructed during the year.

A short extension to 36" surface water drain at Mill Lane was made in conjunction with general tidying up of pond area.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

During the year the disposal of refuse has been mechanised and this has resulted in greater consolidation, saving of labour and ground area, and increased salvage of both metal and cardboard.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors
during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	895
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	468
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	218
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	494
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	290
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	552
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	537
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	537
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145
Infectious Disease visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	675
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	248

6. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District (on same farm)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Total estimated number of pickers engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Number of new huts erected during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

The huts are constructed of galvanised iron on concrete bases and the camps supplied with mains water. Two covered cookhouses are provided and receptacles for refuse are provided by the owner.

6. Disinfestation.

During the year 18 premises were treated by the Public Health Department for the elimination of bugs, fleas, cockroaches, etc.

Only three of the premises were treated for bugs and there was no recurrence of the trouble.

Cockroaches were somewhat prevalent during the summer and assistance was rendered in eight cases to eliminate them.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

In addition to the inspections carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors the Rodent Operator made a total of 1,725 visits and carried out 355 treatments.

The soil sewers in the town were treated twice during the year in accordance with the formula laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, to whom a report upon this work has to be made. The necessary additional labour for this work was obtained from the Surveyor's Department and in all 122 manholes were treated.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	33	24	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	292	11	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	104	316	11	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	6	5	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—	—
Effective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	4	5	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—	—
Total	13	13	—	5	—

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making etc.) ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Return under Section I).

Action in first 5 years.					
		Number of houses to be demolished.			Number of houses to be retained for temporary accommodation.
Total number of permanent houses in area.	Estimated number of unfit houses.	Individual houses.	Houses in clearance areas.	Total number of houses to be demolished.	
4,906	40	40	—	40	—

**Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses.
Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1955.**

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1936) Nil

	Number of	
	Houses	Persons displaced
DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS		
(1) Housing Act, 1936.		
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11	—	—
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force 	—	—
(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...	—	—
(2) Housing Act, 1949.		
(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)	—	—
(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2) 	—	—
(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.		
Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1) ...	—	—

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health Acts

39

Action under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 4

(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11, and 16)

(a) By owners —

(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	12
Total approved costs	... ... ... ... ... ... ...	£5,350
Total approved grants	... ... ... ... ... ... ...	£2,672

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1955.)

		Completed.	Under construction.
Council—Permanent	... ... ...	527	—
Temporary	... ... ...	—	—
Private—Permanent	... ... ...	427	38

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings	... ... ... ...	Nil
Number of licences granted	... ... ... ...	Nil
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	...	Nil
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings	... ... ... ...	2
Number of licences granted	... ... ... ...	2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors

Number of registered dairies (3 retail and 1 wholesale & retail)

Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers

(b) Supplementary

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers

(b) Supplementary

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“Tuberculin tested” ...	... 31	6
“Sterilized” ...	... 1	—
“Pasteurised” ...	... 26	—

Three samples of Tuberculin Tested Raw Milk were taken for biological examination with negative results.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream N

(b) For the sale of ice-cream 3

Results of samples taken:

Grade I

Grade II

Grade III

Grade IV

No ice-cream is manufactured in the area and the bulk of the ice-cream sold by retail, excluding restaurants where it is served as part of a meal, is wrapped.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 2

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	517	210	253	1,022	2,126	...
Number inspected	517	210	253	1,022	2,126	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned .....	...	...	...	1	1	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	180	63	...	10	78	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	34.81 %	30 %	...	1.07 %	3.71 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	...	...	...	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	14	...	...	86	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	3.28 %	7.14 %	...	...	1.69 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	1	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	78	537	14	14
Bakehouses	8	98	10	10
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	21	145	5	4
Food Stalls and Vehicles	8	106	2	2
Food Factories ... ... ...	...	...	...	...
Other Food Shops:				
Bakers	17	115	1	1
Butchers	11	88	...	...
Confectioners	25	52	...	...
Delicatessen	1	19	...	...
Fishmongers	6	92	1	1
Grocers	32	137	2	2
Greengrocers	15	25	...	...
Animal Food	1	9	...	...

Cafés, restaurants and canteens have been generally maintained in a satisfactory condition during the year and further consideration will be given to some of the premises under the new Food Hygiene Regulations.

Bakehouses have been satisfactorily maintained during the year. There were no structural alterations carried out.

Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act) have been kept under close supervision and a good standard of hygiene has been maintained.

All shops and stores, where food is sold or stored, have been kept under observation throughout the year.

There are two fruit and vegetable stalls set up in the Market Place each week, and no other foodstuffs are exposed for sale on stalls. The Mobile Snack Bar, previously stationed in the Car Park, has been replaced by a newly erected Café. There are three Mobile Vehicles operating in the area for the sale of groceries and provisions and greengrocery.

There are no food factories in the area.

Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat and offal	2	5	1	18 0
Other food (including tinned food)	... -	6	1	5	4

All condemned meat and offal at the slaughterhouses is coloured with a naphthalene dye and disposed of under arrangements made by the Department with owners of the slaughterhouses.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by the Public Health Department by burial or other means.

Food Poisoning.

Two cases were notified which formed part of an outbreak at a hotel. They were both treated in hospital but the cause of the outbreak was undiscovered.

Two other single cases occurred, both of unknown origin.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Tonbridge Rural District was supplied by six water undertakings and supplies were sufficient throughout the year. Samples were taken from all the supplies at various points on the distribution systems and were subjected to bacteriological examination, the results of which are given hereunder:—

					Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	15	—	—
	Chemical	...	...	1	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	1	—
	Chemical	...	...	1	1	—

The Mid-Kent Water Company during the year installed an automatic booster fitted to the main supplying water to the high point of the parish of Pembury, and a new iron filtration plant at Trosley Pumping Station.

Number of dwelling-houses supplied by public water mains:—

(a) Direct to houses: 99%.

(b) By means of standpipes: 12 houses in entire Rural District.

Parish.

Proportion direct to houses. Proportion by means of standpipes.

Bidborough	...	...	...	...	...	100 %
Brenchley	...	...	...	...	...	99 %
Capel	...	...	...	...	...	97.2 %
Lamberhurst	...	...	...	...	...	96 %
Horsmonden	...	...	...	...	...	100 %
Pembury	...	...	...	...	...	99 %
Hadlow	...	...	...	...	...	97.92 %
Speldhurst	...	...	...	...	...	98.74 %
Hildenborough	...	...	...	...	...	100 %

Seven houses in Matfield supplied from one standpipe were demolished during the year and occupants rehoused.

Lead service pipes are not in general use in the area and no cases of contamination were reported during the year.

Samples taken from a spring supply serving a holiday camp at Ashurst showed the water to be badly contaminated. The supply was promptly sealed off and the main supply extended to the camp.

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.

145 yards of 4" main ... Brookmead, Craftcast Estate, Hildenborough.

Mid-Kent Water Company.

182 yards of 2" main ... Hadlow.

100 yards of 3" main ... Capel.

754 yards of 3" main ... Hadlow.

Tunbridge Wells Undertaking.

Two short extensions on Dornden Estate, Langton Green.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No major sewerage disposal works were constructed during the year.

The existing sewer at Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, has been extended to serve the new school at Paddock Wood.

Seventeen houses with pail closets were converted to W.C.s with new drainage and disposal arrangements installed.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No new developments occurred in the Scheme operating in the Rural District.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	225
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,303
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	197
Complied with	...	...	163
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	7
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	7
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,167
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	161
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	764
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,900
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,000
Number of new huts erected during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	161

General Remarks:

All camps are supplied with mains water. The lodging, cookhouse and closet accommodation in the various camps was generally satisfactory. The scavenging and general camp supervision was satisfactory.

There was a noticeable increase in the number of picking machines operating in the District and it is estimated that machines have replaced over 3,000 pickers. Huts on some camps are being demolished and other camps are no longer in use because hop growing has been discontinued on the farms.

6. Disinfestation.

Disinfestations were dealt with as follows:—

Fleas 1, Wasps 2, Ants 2, Beetles 6, Flies 8, Bugs 3, Mosquitoes 1, Cockroaches 1.

Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Number of properties inspected for presence of rodents (including local authority, agricultural, private dwellings and business premises) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	621
Number of properties found to be infested with rats ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Number of properties found to be infested with mice ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Total number of properties treated ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114
Total number of visits in connection with treatments ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	555

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
ii) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	19	15	—	—
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	46	2	—
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	9	9	1	—
Total	99	70	3	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	9	9	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	6	5	—	—
Total	19	18	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	13	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Return under Section I).

	Estimated number of unfit houses.	Action in first 5 years.			Number of houses to be retained for temporary accommodation.
		Individual houses.	Houses in clearance areas.	Total number of houses to be demolished.	
Total number of permanent houses in area.	7,080	52	52	—	52

Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses.

Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1955.

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1936) Nil

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS

(1) Housing Act, 1936.

(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11

(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force

(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...

(2) Housing Act, 1949.

(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)

(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)

(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1) ...

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health Acts

136

Action under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 7

(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11, and 16)

(a) By owners 1

(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	3
Total approved costs	... ... ... ... ... ...	£23,96
Total approved Grants	... ... ... ... ... ...	£9,94

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1955.)

		Completed.	Under construction
Council—Permanent	... ... ...	812	26
Temporary	... ... ...	100	—
Hatton Housing Trust	... ... ...	78	—
Private—Permanent	... ... ...	579	56

CAMPS.

Sandhole Camp, Matfield, was derequisitioned on the 31st December, 1955.

CARAVANS.

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings 111

Number of licences granted 111

Total number of caravans allowed on these sites 20

(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings 18

Number of licences granted 11

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

During the year one new dairy was constructed to satisfactory design; three others were cleaned and interior surfaces improved.

Milk Sampling.

		No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
“Tuberculin tested”	42
“Pasteurised”	49

The number of samples collected for biological examination were as follows:—

“Tuberculin tested”	...	...	12	No evidence of T.B.
“Non-designated”	...	...	2	No evidence of T.B.

2. Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	74

Results of samples taken:	Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	46
	Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	7
	Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 7

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	740	200	144	1257	4425	...
Number inspected	740	200	144	1257	4425	...
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcases condemned	1	...	...	3	9	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	31	13	...	35	91	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	4.3 %	6.5 %	...	3 %	2.2 %	...
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	2	4	...	...	1	...
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	15	40	...	...	26	...
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	2.3 %	22 %	...	...	.6 %	...
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Generalised and totally condemned...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens.	48	111	4	4
Bakehouses	8	17	6	6
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	20	57	3	3
Food Stalls and Vehicles	6	17	1	1
Food Factories	2	17	1	1
Other Food Shops:				
Grocers and Provision Merchants...	70	81	2	2
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops	4	8	1	1
Confectioners and Fruiterers ...	11	12	—	—

Conditions in cafés, restaurants and canteens continue to show improvement generally. Cafés and hotels in the area along the main Hastings Road from Hildenborough to Lamberhurst, which have a vigorous trade in the summer months, have been altered structurally and provided with the most modern hygienic equipment. Informal Notices were served and complied with at four cafés.

The bakehouses were subjected to routine inspection during May and November. Faults of a minor nature were brought to the attention of the occupiers and subsequently rectified. One bakehouse was closed during the year.

Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act) were inspected and Informal Notices served on the occupiers of three premises to cleanse equipment and interior surfaces. These were subsequently complied with.

Grocers, fishmongers, confectioners and fruiterers' premises inspected during the year were generally found to be satisfactory. No action of note was taken.

As in previous years Food Stalls and Vehicles operate mainly in the hop-picking season and satisfy a need in camps remote from shopping centres. Conditions at these stalls were satisfactory for the short periods during which they operated.

There are two food factories in the District, one at Paddock Wood for canning of fruit etc. and the other at Pembury for the manufacture of pork products, which are operating on sound hygienic lines.

5. Unsound Food.

During the year the following food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	3	14	0	23	0
Other food (including tinned food) ...	2	4	0	13	2
	5	18	1	8	2

All unsound food other than butchers' meat is disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse dump, Hadlow. Offal and parts of carcases condemned at slaughterhouses are burnt or buried locally. Whole carcases condemned are treated with naphthalene green dye and consigned to knackers' yards to be sterilized for subsequent sale as animal food.

6. Food Poisoning.

Nine cases of food poisoning were notified during the year; two of these cases were due to *Salmonella Typhi-murium*, in the other seven cases the cause was not determined.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company and the Mid-Kent Water Company supply this District. Supplies have been sufficient during the year and the quality as shown by bacteriological examination has been good.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

			Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	12
	Chemical	...	...	1
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—
	Chemical	...	...	—

Approximately 99.5% of dwelling-houses in Tonbridge Urban District are supplied by public water mains.

A new iron filtration plant was installed by the Mid-Kent Water Company at their Trosley Pumping Station to deal with discolouration of the water by iron.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No new works of sewerage disposal were undertaken during the year.

Further private estates were being constructed during 1955 in the north-east part of the town and additional private sewers were laid by the developers.

Four cottages in the rural part of the District were converted from pail closets to W.C.s connected to a cesspool.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The disposal of refuse by filling in depressions in agricultural land for farmers was continued but as sites became more difficult to find an intensive search for a large, more permanent site was undertaken.

During 1955, 63 notices for dustbins were issued. Owners or occupiers provided dustbins at 19 premises, while the Council provided dustbins at 160 premises on hire under Section 75 (3) Public Health Act, 1936. Sixteen dustbins supplied under the hire scheme were replaced during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	244
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,697
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	210
Complied with	...	...	165
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	Nil
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	8
(b) By Local Authority in default	...		Nil
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Number of new huts erected during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory.							

6. Disinfestation.

The following disinfestations were dealt with:—

Bugs 10, Fleas 5, Cockroaches 4, Beetles 4, Flies 5, Lice 1, Ants 2, Maggots 1, Clover Mites 4.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

			Rats	Mice
Number of Local Authority premises treated	...	...	14	4
„ dwelling-houses treated	...	...	129	70
„ Agricultural premises treated	...	...	—	—
„ other premises treated	...	...	17	18
			160	92

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	16	11	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	100	105	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	10	—	—
Total	122	126	2	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	6	5	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8	6	—	2	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	33	—	—	—	—
Total ...	35	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Return under Section I).

		Action in first 5 years.		
Total number of permanent houses in area.	Estimated number of unfit houses.	Number of houses to be demolished.		
		Individual houses.	Houses in clearance areas.	Total number of houses to be demolished.
6,157	330	5	150	155

Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses.

Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1955.

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1936) Nil

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS

(1) Housing Act, 1936.

(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11

(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force

(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...

(2) Housing Act, 1949.

(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)

(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)

(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1) ...

Number of	
Houses	Persons displaced
7	17
1	4
...	...
...	...
...	...
...	...
...	...

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health Acts

82

Action under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 5

(b) By local authority in default of owners

Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11, and 16)

(a) By owners

(b) By local authority in default of owners

Number of houses.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved 11

Total approved costs £4,058

Total approved grants £1,830

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1955.)

Completed. Under construction.

Council—Permanent 969 66

Temporary —

Private—Permanent 289 50

CAMPS. (Temporary Housing)

Number of huts occupied in hatted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1955:—

Somerhill Camp 67

(One hut closed 28/11/55.)

CARAVANS. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by movable dwellings. { One site licensed in 1951

Number of licences granted.

Total number of caravans allowed on these sites 45

(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use movable dwellings 12

Number of licences granted 11

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of licences granted:							
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:							
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
(b) Supplementary	1

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
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“Tuberculin tested”	—	—
“Pasteurised”	3	—

Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	65

Results of samples taken:

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Iced lollies: 3 samples, all satisfactory.

Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in the District.

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens,	23	51	5	1
Bakehouses	4	20	...	...
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	35	2	...	...
Food Stalls and Vehicles	7	13	2	1
Food Factories ... ... ...	...	...	...	...
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	4	6	...	...
Bakers and Confectioners	38	13	4	3
Butchers	14	29	1	...
Fishmongers	6	38	...	1
Grocers	59	68	9	9
Greengrocers and Fruiterers ...	19	34	3	2

Small improvements continue to be made to cafés, restaurants and canteens, and two premises were refitted and redecorated during the year.

The standard in bakehouses and other food premises was well maintained during the year.

During talks by the Senior Sanitary Inspector to members of the Civil Defence Corps, Welfare Section, food hygiene has been emphasised. Otherwise efforts on this subject have been concentrated on informal talks to traders during inspection.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat	—	8	2	6	12
Other food (including tinned food)	—	7	2	20	4
	—	16	0	27	0

The method of disposal of condemned food is by burial or animal feed under supervision.

6. Food Poisoning.

Two cases of food poisoning were notified during the year from the same family, due to *Salmonella Typhi-murium*.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The supply was sufficient during the year and the quality of the water, after treatment, was satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

			Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	58	4
	Chemical	...	13	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	1	11
	Chemical	...	1	—

No cases of contamination with lead occurred. All the dwelling-houses in the District, with the exception of six houses, are supplied with mains water.

The bulk supply to Southborough by the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company was decreased by $2\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons during 1955.

The water mains were extended on the Council's housing estate at Powder Mill Lane, for the road to be known as Southfields Way, as follows:—

150 yards of 3" main.

On the new private housing estate on the east side of Bounds Oak Way, the following extension was made:—

165 yards of 3" main.

Also along North Farm Road to the works of Messrs. Finlock Gutters:—

300 yards of 3" main.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the District is provided with main drainage.

No additions or improvements to existing drainage or new works were constructed during the year.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

There was no change or new development in the collection and disposal of refuse during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	150
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,015
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	37
Complied with	...	...	33
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	-
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	.....	...	-
(b) By local authority in default	...	...	-
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	1,395
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	129
Swimming Pools	...	...	Nil
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	Nil
Knackers' Yards	...	...	Nil
Offensive Trades	...	...	Nil
Factory Acts	...	...	196
Shop Acts	...	...	102
Petroleum Act	...	...	68
Dairies	...	...	10
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	87
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	267
Bakehouses	...	...	19
Food Shops	...	...	282
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	5
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	34
Food Factories	...	...	15
Other Food Preparing Places	...	...	18
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	11
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	256
Miscellaneous	...	...	121

5. Disinfestation.

Fourteen premises were visited in connection with disinfection, as follows:—

Cockroaches 2, Clover Mite 4, Fleas 5, Ants 1, Woodworm 2.

Gammexane was successfully used against cockroaches, clover mite and ants.

The woodworm infestations were treated by twice spraying in late Spring with proprietary woodworm spray containing D.D.T.

The flea infestations were cleared by residual spraying.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Mice: Number of Local Authority premises treated ...	...	...	—
„ Dwelling-house premises treated ...	...	...	15
„ Other premises treated ...	...	...	—
Total ...	...	...	15

Number of properties of all types inspected under the Pests
Act 1,176

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	47	131	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	50	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	33	73	—	—
Total	105	254	—	—

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2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	5	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions or failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Furniture and upholstery ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	2	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.**Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Return under Section I).**

Total number of permanent houses in area.	Estimated number of unfit houses.	Action in first 5 years.			
		Number of houses to be demolished.			Number of houses to be retained for temporary accommodation.
		Individual houses.	Houses in clearance areas.	Total number of houses to be demolished.	
2,982	178	64	114	178	—

Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses.**Return for the Year ended 31st December, 1955.**

CLEARANCE AREAS (HOUSING ACT, 1936) Nil

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS**(1) Housing Act, 1936.**

(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11

Number of	
Houses	Persons displaced
...	...
...	...
...	...
...	...
...	...
...	...
3	...

(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force

(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...

(2) Housing Act, 1949.

(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)

(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)

(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1) ...

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health Acts

205

Action under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Acts.

Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners —
(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

Housing Act, 1936.

Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Sections 9, 10, 11, and 16)

(a) By owners —
(b) By local authority in default of owners ... —

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (HOUSING ACT, 1949):—

Number of applications for Improvements and Conversions approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total approved costs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£372
Total approved grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£186

POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1955.)

Completed. Under construction.

Council—Permanent	...	...	...	368	37
Temporary	...	...	...	30	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	150	17

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	8
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Number of registered dairies (retail)	1
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Number of licences granted:

(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:

(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b) Supplementary	5

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
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“Tuberculin tested”	...	8	—
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“Pasteurised”	...	6	—
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Eight samples were submitted for biological examination as follows:—

“Tuberculin tested”	...	8	Satisfactory.
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Ice-cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream Nil
 (b) For the sale of ice-cream 26

Results of samples taken were as under:—

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Grades III & IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 1

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	Nil	3	229	71	2,864	Nil
Number inspected	Nil	3	229	71	2,864	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	25	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	Nil	Nil	Nil	.072	.01	Nil
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	44	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	Nil	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Nil	Nil	.02	Nil
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District	No. of Visits	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	8	34	2	2
Bakehouses	4	19	3	3
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream)	9	41	2	2
Food Stalls and Vehicles	1	5	Nil	Nil
Food Factories	1	15	3	3
Other Food Shops:				
Fried Fish Shops	3	12	Nil	Nil
Greengrocers	15	47	3	3
Grocers	27	93	18	18
Fishmongers	5	32	1	1
Butchers	8	41	5	5
Bakers' Shops	5	22	Nil	Nil
Milk Shops	2	10	Nil	Nil
Chemists	2	2	Nil	Nil
Public-houses and Off-Licences ...	14	17	5	5
General Stores and Sweets ...	12	23	6	6

Routine inspections were carried out at the above food premise and conditions found to be generally satisfactory.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
Butchers' meat	1	8	0	0	0
Other food (including tinned food)			3	21	12
Total ...	1	8	3	21	12

Condemned food is disposed of by burial on Council's Refuse Tip.

6. Food Poisoning.

There were no cases notified during 1955.